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APPEAL TO STOP THE
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CLOSING OF OUR

POST OFFICE

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REASONS TO NOT CLOSE THE ALEXANDER POST OFFICE

- ALEXANDER IS OLDEST TOWN IN THE COUNTY. IT IS PART OF HISTORY AND SHOULD BE KEPT ON THE MAP
- THE POST OFFICE IS THE ONLY PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THE TOWN EXCEPT FOR THE MIDSTATE COOP
- WE ARE MOSTLY ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO GET AROUND AND SOME DON'T DRIVE.
- WE ARE A RURAL COMMUNITY WITH MANY FARMERS WHO LIVE SEVERAL MILES OUT IN THE COUNTRY. YOU TELL US WE HAVE ANOTHER POST OFFICE LESS THAN 10 MILES AWAY, BUT FOR SOME FARMERS THEY DRIVE 10 MILES TO GET HERE AND WOULD HAVE TO DRIVE ANOTHER 10 TO GET TO BAZINE.
- FARMERS ARE NOT ABLE TO WAIT AT THEIR BOXES TO BUY STAMPS OR MAIL A PACKAGE WHEN THE RR CARRIER COMES THROUGH
- WE HAVE WATER SAMPLES THAT NEED TO BE MAILED AFTER THE RURAL CARRIER HAS DELIVERED THE MAIL. IT WOULD BE AN EXTRA EXPENSE FOR THE CITY TO PAY SOMEONE TO DRIVE THEM OVER TO BAZINE.
- CLOSING OUR OFFICE WOULD ONLY BE A SMALL PORTION OF YOUR TOTAL DEFICIT. IT IS WORTH MUCH MORE FOR US TO HAVE ACCESS TO A POST OFFICE THAN YOU WOULD EVER SAVE BY CLOSING IT.
- THE EXPENSES FOR OUR OFFICE OR VERY LOW.
- WE JUST LOST THE NEKOMA POST OFFICE A FEW YEARS AGO WHICH SENT SEVERAL CUSTOMERS TO US. NOW THEY WOULD HAVE TO DRIVE ANOTHER 10 MILES.
- YOU WOULD BE TAKING AWAY THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY.
- WE BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE WAYS FOR YOU TO CUT EXPENSES THAN TAKE AWAY A SOURCE OF INCOME.
- PLEASE RE-CONSIDER THIS DEVASTATING BLOW TO OUR COMMUNITY.

ALEXANDER,KANSAS 67513 SEND THE FOLLOWING TO YOU

Alexander was established five years before Rush County was organized. The City of Alexander occupies a unique position in the early history of Rush County, it being the oldest town in the county.

The history of Alexander properly begins with a trading post established on the north bank of the Walnut Creek, by a man by the name of Alexander Harvey, in whose honor the town of Alexander was named. This trading post, known first as "Harvey's Ranch", was built in 1869. This store with its stockade, located as it was on the old Fort Hays-Fort Dodge trail, served as a freighters and soldiers, traveling from Fort Hays and Fort Dodge.

Some of the families who came to the vicinity of Alexander, in the early 70's did their utmost to make the soil produce and to bring this barren prairies to subjection and to civilized life.

Early Mail Services:

The mail service of the early days to the pioneers of Alexander was some what slow and irregular. The first mail was brought by Pony Express and was carried on the Fort Hays and Fort Dodge trail. Later, star routes were established. One route came from Wakeeney to Alexander and from Alexander to Rockdale Post Office, which was located in Bazine Township on the Ira Whipple farm. John King was the postmaster and the mail carrier. Another route was from Larned. The mail was taken to Harmony Post Office which was about 22 miles southeast of Alexander, and Alexander Walker, Jr. brought the mail to and from Harmony Post Office on horseback. Jim Gage carried mail from Great Bend to Ness City, which services also included Alexander.

Our community maybe small and you think the post office should be closed. We have no local newspaper to find out what events are going to happen, meetings, dinners, deaths, and etc.. Most of the time the events have already taken place by the time we get the paper. The community is able to get the news on those who need help or is ill or who was taken to the hospital. All notices are posted at the post office. It is not just our community that uses the post office but also surrounding farmers especially those who use to use the post office at Nekoma. We are closer for them than Rush Center. Our community is mostly senior citizens and would feel a hardship if you decided to close our post office. Yes, we know that Bazine is only 8 miles but they are in another county. We feel that beings how we have alot of history with the county that we should remain open.

The postmaster also receives letters from school children requesting information about our town and its history from all over United States. Please reconsider not to close our post office.

Signed by some of those who use the Alexander Post Office on this date

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